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LB 852
LR 243, 10

title to LB 982 for the first time as found on page 389 of the Journal.)

I have notice of hearing, Mr. President, by the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

Mr. President, Senator Richard Peterson would ask unanimous consent to add his name to LB 852.

Mr. President, new resolution, LR 243. (Read LR 243 as found on page 390 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We will move on to LR 10.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 10 was introduced by Senator Beyer. It calls for an amendment to Article III, Section 24 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska. It was heard by the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. The bill was advanced from General File to Select File last year.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beyer, would you explain the bill and then we have an amendment to the bill. Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Well, this is one of the first simple noncontroversial bills of the session. All it has is two lines in there that state, "A statewide lottery run by the State of Nebraska whose purpose shall", or it has been amended, it says: "the purpose of which shall be to provide revenue to the state." This was submitted to the voters...will be submitted to the voters in November of '84. If it would be approved at that time, then the Legislature would have to come back and set up the ground rules for whatever would be done. I think with the controversy that is now going on over the lotteries and everything, that if we could once clarify the statutes and then get it down to a bill that would be passed, it would be true property tax relief because in the bill that is currently, it says, lotteries can be conducted for community betterment. And I think we need to get it down to true property tax relief. But this is a very simple bill. It just states to let the people have a vote as to whether they want a statewide lottery. It does not change anything as far as the